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Processing Images which are
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and a Method Thereof

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application and responds to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004 (Paper No. 18). Please amend the above-noted application as follows: